

medium with the ID information read out from the recording medium; and

output means for outputting the image information and the ID information superimposed by the superimposing means to the display device;

wherein said superimposing means has a first mode in which data of a first type contained in the ID data is superimposed with the image information, and a second mode in which the data of the first type and data of a second type contained in the ID data are both superimposed with the image information and;

wherein the position at which the data of the first type is superimposed in said first mode and the position at which the data of the first type is superimposed in the second mode are different from each other.

-- 50. A reproducing apparatus according to claim 49, wherein the data of the first type is date information.

-- 51. A reproducing apparatus for reading out information signal from a recording medium to output the signal to a display device, comprising:

reading means for reading the information signal and ID information of the information signal from the recording medium;

conversion means for converting the ID information read out from the reading means into a character information;

setting means for setting a display mode of the character information converted by the conversion means on the display device;

superimposing means for superimposing the information signal with the character information converted by the conversion means to output the information signal superimposed with the character information to the display device; and

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control means for changing a superimposing position of the character information superimposed by the superimposing means according to a display mode set by the setting means; wherein said control means vary, depending on the display mode, the position at which the character information is displayed, even when the character information is not changed.

Amend claims 54-55 as follows:

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-- 54. A method for controlling a reproduction apparatus which reads an image information and ID data of the image information from a recording medium recorded with the image information and the ID data and output the image information and the ID data to a display device, the method comprising steps of:

reading out the image information and the ID data corresponding to the image information to be reproduced from the recording medium;

superimposing the image information and the ID data read from the recording medium; and

outputting the image information superimposed with the ID data to the display device;

wherein said superimposing step has a first mode in which data of a first type contained in the ID data is superposed with the image information, and a second mode in which data of the first type and data of a second type are both is superposed with the image information; and

wherein the position at which the data of the first type is superimposed in said first mode and the position at which the data of the first type is superimposed in the second mode are different from each other.

-- 55. A method for controlling a reproduction apparatus for reading an information

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signal from a recording medium and outputs the information signal read from the recording medium to a display device, the method comprising steps of:

reading the information signal and an ID information of the information signal from the recording medium;

converting the ID information read in the reading step into a character information;

setting a display mode of the converted character information on the display device; and

superimposing the information signal with the converted character information to output the information signal superimposed with the converted character information to the display device;

wherein the superimposing position of the character information is controlled in the superimposing step according to the display mode set in the setting step; and

wherein, in the superimposing step, the position at which the character information is displayed is varied depending on the display mode, even when the character is not changed.

#### REMARKS

Claims 49-51 and 54-55 have been amended.

The Examiner has rejected applicants' claims 49-55 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting based on claims 1-2 of U.S. Patent No. 5,719,984 taken in view of the Shimada, et al. patent. The Examiner has further rejected applicants' claims 49, 51-52 and 54-55 under 35 USC § 102(b) as anticipated by the Shimada, et al. patent. Finally, the Examiner has rejected applicants' claims 50 and 53 under 35 USC § 103(a) as unpatentable based on the latter patent. With respect to applicants' claims, as amended, these rejections are